

# LA GRANDE MORNING OBSERVER.

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Only 15 days more      Only 15 days more



## Annual Clearance Sale

Only 15 days of our great annual clearance sale gone by, during which time we simply surprised our selves at the wonderful patronage the prices we are selling merchandise brought to us, and there are still

**15 DAYS LEFT**

For the public to secure the greatest values ever offered in Union County—at prices so extremely low that competition is not a comparison

**WE DON'T THINK YOU'RE FOOLISH**

If you trade elsewhere. We simply think you are misguided or have not investigated. Take an hour off and let us show you some of the advantages to be gained by trading here. Within the last twelve-month cotton has advanced 55 per cent. You'd hardly think it to see our present prices on cotton goods.

## GOOD TIME TO BUY NOW

During this sale up to date, we have sold 4 more mens suits than we anticipated and we can candidly state that every department in our store has moved likewise. If the people who have not seen the bargains offered by us during this sale were to call at the store and compare prices and values, they would go away with their arms full. We are positive of this from our sales during the past 15 days. Remember you have 15 more days to get in on these

## SLASHING PRICES

Every article in our store reduced except thread, Patterns, Douglass and Reed shoes. See our

**\$5 Mens Suits \$5**

\$1 Shoe counter \$1      \$1 Shoe Counter \$1

## The Chicago Store,

MURPHY BROS., Props.

1209 Adams Ave.      La Grande, Oregon  
LEADERS IN LOW PRICES.

# J. M. BERRY

Annual Inventory Sale lasts until  
**JANUARY 25th.**

Heavy cuts on goods you want more and also on goods you will need after awhile. We have quoted no prices yet but the bargains we have already turned out in our Men's Furnishings and Suit department, and our Ladies' Suit Department speak for themselves.

### Men's Wear

Any Suit in the house " " \$10.00  
\$16.00 and \$18.00 Overcoats " " \$12.00  
Everything in Men's Furnishings reduced.

### Ladies' Wear.

Ladies' Tailor Suits One-half price. All Silk Waists at COST. Ladies' Jackets One-half price. All Dress Goods at one-fourth off. All Ladies' Furnishings reduced in prices.

BOYS WEAR—\$10 Suits for \$7.50; \$8.50 Suits \$7.00  
\$5.00 Suits at \$3.00 and up.

CHILDRENS WEAR—Reduced one-half, and many reduced to cost.

SHOES.—A lively reduction on Men's, Ladies' and Children's SHOES.

We defy competition on this sale. Prices talk and everything marked in plain figures. Avail yourself of the many bargains offered.

# J. M. BERRY

## THE BOOTH LANE

**Petitions Are Being Circulated Asking The County Court to Donate Funds For its Improvement--Farmers Donate Work**

There is a determined movement on the part of a number of the most substantial farmers of the Sandridge to have the notorious Booth lane made possible during the winter months of the year. Several petitions are being circulated and are being freely signed, donating all the way from one day work with team to ten days. In addition to the regular tax this work is given extra and the county court will be asked to donate a sum sufficient to gravel this lane so it will be good for all the time to come. It is a shame it has not been graveled for years. The Booth lane is the key to a very large portion of the county, and when it is taken into consideration that by graveling only about one and one half miles it makes it possible for so large a population to do business that under present conditions is impossible, why it has remained the way it has for all these years is one of unanswered questions. It is no uncommon occurrence for farmers to ship merchandise purchased either at Island City or La Grande weighing only a few hundred pounds, because they can not haul it over the Booth lane, a distance of less than two miles when they can pull 1500 or 2000 lbs. on any other portion of the county roads between La Grande and Elgin. The Observer is indeed glad to learn that the matter is being taken hold in so determined and practical a manner and the county court will receive the congratulations of the leading taxpayers of the county when they assist in making this piece of road as it should be.

### Low Tax Levy

Corvallis, Or., January 23.—Benton county has so far the lowest tax levy yet reported from other counties in the state; and it is believed that it will prove to be several mills below any other. The next lowest so far reported is Linn with a levy of about 23 mills. Benton county is 16 1/2 mills, or nearly 6 mills lower than Linn.

### County Expenses

The expenses of Union County, not counting that expended for common school purposes, according to the official statement of county clerk J. H. M. M'raugh for the year 1903 foot up \$53,133.25.

There were expended according to the books, on roads \$11,042.97 and on bridges \$6,607.77, a total of \$17,650.74 on roads and bridges.

### Are Now Home

Carey W. Foster and bride, formerly Miss Lillian Garfield, arrived from Pendleton Saturday evening. The happy couple were met here by a delegation of young ladies and gentlemen who started in to give them a rousing charivari. Carey bought off the boys and the young ladies contented themselves with welcoming home Mr. and Mrs. Foster. We nearly forgot to extend our congratulations. Here's hoping their troubles will be little ones.—Princeton Review.

### Only For Members

On account of limited hall room, only members of my dancing class will be admitted to the character party at Island City next Monday evening.  
W. A. Simpson.

## J. J. LILLIS

PRACTICAL UPHOLSTERER... Phone 1223  
Shop: P. St. between 3d and 4th

### Feed Apples to Cattle

D B Rinehart, who owns the oldest largest and best kept orchard near Canyon City Grant County, was able to gather and market all of his apples last fall and turned his cattle in to the orchard. He reports to the Grant County News that his cattle are fattening and his hay stacks are not growing leaner.

### "All Thumbs"

Mrs. Carr who lives west of town, who has had a double thumb on one of her hands had one side of the member removed the other day to make it easier for her to wear a glove. Dr. Wood performed the operation.—Condon Globe.

## G. A. R. AND W. R. C.

**Held Joint Installation Yesterday Afternoon Followed By a Banquet.**

A joint public installation of the newly elected officers of Oliver P. Morton Post No 36, G. A. R. and Oliver P. Morton Corps No 37 W. R. C. was held in Odd Fellows hall yesterday afternoon. Comrade Sam'l R. Deal as installing officer, in an impressive manner installed the following officers of the G. A. R.: I. W. Faulk Com; John Prescott Sr V; Jas Walker Jr V; Geo Jacobs Officer of the Day; Geo Currey Quarter Master; F. B. Newsome Adjutant; Edward Carpenter Sergeant; Wesley Davis Officer of the Guard and J. W. Oliver Chaplain.

The officers installed to serve the W. R. C. for the coming year were: President Mrs. Rose Tai; Sr V President Mrs. Mary Prescott; Jr V President Mrs. Addie Horton; Sec Mrs. Clara T. Lyle; Treas Mrs. Mary Aldrich; Chap Mrs. Mary Davis; Conductor Mrs. Annie Baker; Guard Mrs. Ella Finney; Patriotic Instructor Mrs. Hannah Rogers; Asst Conductor Mrs. Winnie Thorn; Asst Guard Mrs. Susie Williams; First Color bearer Miss Jessie Prescott; 2nd Miss Stella Chandler; 3rd Miss Mary Morrison; 4th Mrs. Burdette Koefer. Mrs. Clara T. Lyle Dept President acted as installing officer and Mrs. Artie Coffee, Conductor.

At the close of the exercises remarks were made by several of the comrades, after which a splendid banquet was served by the Ladies of the Relief Corps. The occasion was a very successful one in every particular and all present had a good time.

## TOLD HOW TO VOTE.

**Delegates From Western States Will be Instructed to Vote For Roosevelt.**

Washington Jan 23—All the talk that has been going concerning opposition to Roosevelt has resulted in a determination to have delegates instructed, so no combination can prevent his nomination after the convention meets. Interviews published here with many Western men show that without question nearly every state from that region will instruct.

### CHINESE OPIUM DEN RAIDED

Pendleton Ore Jan 23—Early tonight officers raided an opium den operated by Yang Lee. Two young men named Davis and Collins, of the city were found lying on tables in a half-dazed condition. The opium man forfeited \$50 cash bond, and will have a hearing tomorrow. Davis and Collins were fined \$10 each.

## TERRIFIC FLOODS

**Water And Wind Are Doing Great Damage in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana. Cities and Towns are Destroyed**

Toledo, Jan. 23.—The flood in the Maumee river promises to surpass that of 1883, which was the worst ever known.

All industries dependent upon electricity are tied up, including the newspapers. The first floors of all buildings along the river front are under water.

### MARIETTA INUNDATED

Marietta, O., Jan. 23.—The business section being vacated. The flood in the Ohio river is at 29 feet, and rising six inches an hour. Reports from up river lead to the belief that the business section will be largely inundated.

### CEMETERY TORN OUT

Indianapolis, Jan. 23.—The flood in Wildcat creek has broken through the cemetery, throwing skeletons along the banks.

### DAMAGE AT PITTSBURG

Pittsburg, Jan. 23.—At 10 this morning the water was 29 feet above normal and rising nearly three inches an hour. Thirty feet are expected today.

The damage is already \$500,000 in this city and harbor. Four thousand men are idle. Traffic is suspended along the river front.

### SUFFERING AT WHEELING

Wheeling, Jan. 23.—Thirty seven feet of water was recorded at 8 this morning and 45 feet is expected. There is a general exodus from the low lands. There is marked suffering as many are exposed, which will be increased if the cold wave predicted comes.

### HIGHEST EVER KNOWN

Youngstown, O., Jan. 23.—The flood now exceeds any ever known. No lights or power and the water damage is heavy.

### RAILROADS ABANDONED

Charon, Pa., Jan. 23.—The Sharpville bridge was swept away, drowning Victor Dunham and three laborers this morning.

The water is at the highest ever known and still rising. All trains between Cleveland and Pittsburgh are abandoned. The tracks are five feet under water.

Families in many parts of the city are trapped in the upper stories.

### DAMAGE EXCEEDS \$500,000.

Lorain, O., Jan. 23.—The flood here is nearly at a standstill. The damage now exceeds \$500,000.

## THE LAST WORDS

**Of Pleasant Armstrong Given in a Statement Prepared the Night Before He Paid the Penalty for the Murder of Minnie Ensminger.**

Baker City, Ore., Jan. 24.—Pleasant Armstrong prepared the following statement for The Oregonian the night before he went on the gallows: "My dear friends, not one but all—As I am going to be hung I will write a few words before I leave. And not for my sake, but for your sake, I feel sorry for this whole world. My dear friends, if everybody would come together, forget little differences, and be as one you would all live happier lives. As long as the people condemn one another it will be a sad world. I have sinned and repented. Profit by my example. One sin brings on others and only makes the world sadder. If there be an enemy of mine, meet and be friends for Christ has said that if your enemy strike thee on the cheek, offer him the other one. He preached and practiced forgiveness and my last words to you all are forgive one another.

"My love for Minnie Ensminger has never changed and I go to the other world feeling that I will be with her again; and when I am gone you who knew us both come together and be friends and it will be a happier life for you all.

"You all have a father and mother, sisters and brothers and you love them all in this world, why not love them in the next one? Minnie Ensminger and I will live together in the other world, loving each other as we did here. Now the rest of you people do the same as we both would like to meet you all in the great hereafter. My dear friends, you only have a short life to live in this world; at the longest, try and always be friends to your mothers and fathers and sisters and brothers and everybody. If you want to you can give up sin and repent as I have.

"I will close for this life. I forgive my enemies and wish them the best of luck and a long and happy life with the grace of God for the whole world, a long goodbye to the world. With love, Minnie Ensminger and PLEASANT ARMSTRONG.

### Not This Session

Washington Jan 23.—The river and harbor committee of the House today decided against submitting an appropriation bill at this session of Congress. The decision is a great surprise, and is regretted very much by the Oregon delegation.

### Eleven Feet High

Workers at Winnemica Nev engaged in digging gravel have uncovered at a depth of about 12 feet a number of bones that once were parts of the skeleton of a gigantic human being. Dr. Samuel's pronounced them the bones of a man who must have been 11 feet in height.

### Will Help Union

Evangelistic meetings will be held in the Presbyterian church every evening next week. Rev. W. L. VanNoy, of La Grande, will preach each evening except Monday. All are cordially invited. There will be good music and good sermons.—Oregon Scout.

### Remembered

London Jan 23.—The third anniversary of the death of Queen Victoria was observed yesterday.

## THE WADE ESTATE

**The Management of the Estate Taken From Trustees and Placed In The Bankruptcy Court.—Affair In A Hopeless Tangle.**

Pendleton, Jan 23.—James Wilson, the Deputy United States Marshal from Portland, was in the city yesterday and in the afternoon filed papers on C. B. Wade and his three co-defendants in the bankruptcy court.

Margaret Ryan with a claim of \$1,700, E. J. Murphy \$400; Miss Susan Marlen, \$1,900; Es her Brother \$3,000; Joseph Vay \$4,000; J. F. Temple \$7,400; Alex. Milroy \$5,000, filed petition in the United States court asking that Wade be declared a bankrupt and that his property be sold for the benefit of his creditors. Besides these amounts there will be several other claims presented at the time of the hearing.

H. F. Johnson and E. J. Summerville, as Wade's bondsmen in the administration of the Craig estate, will ask for their share of their \$14,000 bonds. Antonio Vay has \$23,000 he would like to recover. Joseph Ramos has \$4,000 and a stockman of Butter Creek will ask for \$30,000—and when the time comes a great many other little claims will come in for their share.

### WADE'S INDEBTEDNESS

Wade has in the aggregate \$300,000 of liabilities, and of this perhaps from \$40,000 to \$60,000 is guaranteed indebtedness secured by mortgages and notes. The rest may be good or not according to what is realized on it. The stock of the Golconda Mining Company, owned by Wade will be put on the market and sold for what it will bring. He holds approximately 1,000,000 shares in the company.

## PROTECT YOURSELF

**AGAINST COLDS**  
During this changeable weather. Lay aside your light weight worn underwear and take advantage of our sacrifice prices on underwear during our Clearance Sale. Note the Prices Carefully.

**Men's Underwear.**

\$1.50 and \$1.75 all Wool viscous and natural gray made from fine combed wool. **\$1.19**

\$1.25 natural gray all wool good weight, with fleece lined making them warm and comfortable. **89c**

\$1.00 Heavy Ribbed wool, we also include our special \$1.00 value in fine soft wool at. **78c**

Also Good values in this lot at \$1.25

**Ladies' Underwear**

ALSO UNDER-PRICED.

\$1.25 all wool ribbed in white and gray, fine finished and silk trimmed. **98c**

ent heavy fleeced in ribbed and flat goods, assorted colors at. **43c**

**WATCH OUR PRICES.**

*The Fair*

THE PLACE TO SAVE MONEY